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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 2066

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR PDEV ET CU
SUBJ: NEW CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA

REF: HAVANA 2031

1. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR AYMRO WONDMAGENEHU TOLD USINT OFFICER, JULY 14, THAT HE HAD NEVER MET NOR HEARD OF BUENAVENTURA REYES ACOSTA WHO WAS NAMED, JULY 14, AS CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA. OUR FRENCH AND SPANISH COLLEAGUES WHO ARE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN DIRECTORATE OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (MINREX), WHERE REYES ALLEGEDLY WORKS, ALSO HAVE NEVER HEARD OF HIM. USINT OFFICER, JULY 14, ASKED MINREX WESTERN EUROPEAN DIRECTOR ROBERTO MULET DEL VALLE WHO REYES ACOSTA IS. MULET REPLIED THAT REYES WORKS "WITH", BUT NOT "UNDER" HIM, THAT HE HAS BEEN BACK IN HAVANA ONE YEAR, AND THAT HE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN LONDON.

2. BEGIN COMMENT: FROM ALL APPEARANCES, REYES ACOSTA MAY WELL BE A CUBAN SECURITY/INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE.
END COMMENT.

3. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR WONDMAGENEHU, INCIDENTALLY, TOLD USINT OFFICER THAT HE STUDIED FOR MASTER'S DEGREE AROUND 1972
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AT UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA. DURING LAST FOUR YEARS BEFORE COMING TO HAVANA, HE WORKED AS JOURNALIST AND PUBLICIST FOR "REVOLUTION", INCLUDING POST AS CHIEF OF INFORMATION AT ASMARA, ERITREA. BEFORE REVOLUTION, WONDMAGENEHU HELD VARIOUS POSTS INCLUDING ONE CONNECTED WITH RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS. (FYI WONDMAGENEHU TOLD LIBYAN AMBASSADOR, IN PRESENCE OF USINT OFFICER THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT ATTEND IRAQI

EMBASSY RECEPTION, JULY 17, BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN
ADDIS AND BAGHDAD. END FYI).
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